

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company  
Docket No. D.T.E. 02-24/25  
Responses to the Attorney General's Third Set of Information Requests**

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**Request No. AG-3-5 (Gas)**

If "baseline" gas costs were defined as the cost of gas supply and transportation contracts that were entered into with the intent of providing base gas, would "baseline" gas costs differ from the definition used in the allocated cost of service study?

**Response:**

This question cannot be answered definitively. Many supply and transportation contracts are long lived, so it is not clear whether the test year use of current contracts matches their original intent. The cost study defines base use supplies on the basis of their use in the test year, not necessarily their intent, though it is possible that their use and intent are identical.

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